

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## THOUGHTS FROM FATHER HARRIS

[Jesus told this parable.] "A king...prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests... 'Come to the wedding feast!' but the invited guests... went about their business; one went to his farm, another to this store... [Then the king said to his servants,] 'Now go ... and invite to the feast as many people as you find!...' And Jesus concluded, "many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:2-5,9,14

The "Cast of Characters" in Jesus' parable is as follows: The king is God; the wedding feast, God's kingdom; the first guests, God's Chosen People; the latter guests, Gentiles and sinners.

Jesus' parable invites me to ask: To what extent am I responding to God's invitation to the wedding feast the way the first guests did: giving priority to my business rather than to the invitation?

Christianity is a battle--not a dream. - Wendell Phillips  
(VISION by Mark Link, S.J.)

### Mass of Remembrance

We will have a Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, October 29, at 5 p.m. It is a time when we recall all the deceased who have touched our lives and, in a particular way, those whom we have lost in the past year. The names of those who have died this past year and of whom our parish is aware will be read at this liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass.

Those who have lost a loved one in the past year should receive a special invitation to this Mass. If you do not receive an invitation and would like a name read at this liturgy, please contact the church office, or email Fr. Harris at [pastor@stbparish.com](mailto:pastor@stbparish.com). We are inviting people to make a small picture of a deceased loved one available for us to place on a poster board that will be located near the entrance of the church. If you would like to do this, please drop off a picture in the church office (or send one) by October 24. Please put the name of your loved one, your name, and your relationship to the person on the back of the picture. At the end of November you will be able to pick up your picture.

At every Mass throughout the year, all of the dead are remembered and entrusted to God. May our deceased loved ones rest in God's peace. AMEN!

## DAILY WORD

Mon., 10/16	Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tue., 10/17	Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-4
Wed., 10/18	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Thu., 10/19	Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Fri., 10/20	Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Sat., 10/21	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Sun., 10/22	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

## COME JOIN US!

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday and Holy Day Masses

Please consult the bulletin/website.

### Reconciliation

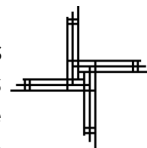
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bridget Catholic Church is a Christian Community which exists to continue the mission of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As such, we are committed to working for the coming of God's Kingdom. We accomplish this through worship, community life, Christian education and service to those who are in need.



## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Kegan and Brittni Meyer

Kierra Eicher

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:

Grayson Reiner Viessman  
son of Katie and Eric Viessman

Aidan Michael Bune  
son of Molly and Dustin Bune

Jalyn Richard Putnam  
son of Allison and Marques Putnam

Lillian Ryan Ellefson  
daughter of Sarah and Trevor Ellefson

### REST IN PEACE

We remember and pray for our deceased parish members and relatives:

Lorraine Gilles  
grandmother of Jesse (Hillary) Gilles

Patricia Gunthner  
sister of Rita Roth

Larry Geiger  
brother of Ruth Koehler

Jerry Mulheron  
brother of Dorothy (John) Maule

## TITHES AND FINANCIAL NEWS

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Adult Contributions.....	\$14,439.00
Loose Collection.....	\$977.87
Debt Retirement.....	\$1025.00
SCRIP (83 Orders).....	\$1,336.03
Priest Emergency Fund.....	\$350.00

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, October 16

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

6:30 p.m. BASE Training

6:30 p.m. DivorceCare

### Tuesday, October 17

8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5 - 6:00 p.m. Soup and Bread Community Meal

5:15 p.m. Mass

+Int: *Bernard T. and Edna V. Meyer by the Family*

6:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace

6:30 p.m. CCW Journey Stamper Event

7:00 p.m. Signs and Wonders Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Pro-Life for the Unborn Education and Action Group

### Wednesday, October 18

9:00 a.m. School Mass

+Int: *Marge Giefer by Linda*

10:00 a.m. Signs and Wonders Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Mass at Kinnic Health

+Int: *Ken Seifert by Robert and Mary Johnson*

2:30 p.m. Prayer Service at Comforts of Home - Gardens

3:15-4:30p.m. Grade 6-8 Faith Formation

5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Meal

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes

7:45 p.m. Praise Team Practice

### Thursday, October 19

10:00 a.m. Unleashed Book Study

10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy

Communion at Comforts of Home - Falls

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. SATB Choir Practice

### Friday, October 20

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Ron Pechacek by Marilyn Simon*

12:00 p.m. Funeral Mass: Carl Schneider

### Saturday, October 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

4-4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

+Int: *William and Lorraine Gavin and Sue Huppert by the Family*

### Sunday, October 22

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Preschool

9:30 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Fran Stark by the Family*

11:00 a.m. Mass

+Int: *Betty McLaughlin by Susie and Lindy Johnson*

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More-UWRF Newman Center

## PARISH LIFE

### Radio/TV Mass Broadcasts

The radio broadcast is aired over WEVR 1550 AM and 106.3 FM on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for our sick and shut-ins. Tune to Channel 16 on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. or Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for a TV rebroadcast. The Mass for October 14 is in loving memory of Andrew Huppert by his Brothers and Sisters.

### Clothing drive for St. Croix County Jail

A clothing drive will be held October 14 - 22. Please bring new or gently used cold weather clothing such as sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, jackets, winter coats, hats, gloves, and mittens and drop them in the tubs in the church entry labeled "Clothing Drive." Thank you!

### Holiday Happenings Crafters Needed

Our annual Holiday Happenings Craft show is December 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. We are currently taking reservations for vendors selling hand crafted items. Contact HolidayHappenings@stbparish.com or call Lauren at 715-426-9334 for information.

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This is a major health and life issue for women, children and men. A Wisconsin statistic: On September 14, 2016, just one day in Wisconsin, 928 domestic violence victims found refuge; an additional 788 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups. River Falls domestic violence hotline is: 800-345-5104 answered 24/7 or call 911. If you are not able to speak freely, text to 715-821-8626, 24/7.

### Fair Trade Sale Coordinator Needed

St. Bridget has promoted Fair Trade products as part of our social justice work. For farmers and workers in developing countries, Fair Trade offers better prices and improved terms of trade. We would like to continue selling these products but we need to have a sale coordinator and people to help with the sale after weekend masses. Please consider helping with this project. If you are interested, go to the Information Desk to learn more.

### CCW Journey Stamping Make and Take Event

Join Esther Sykora of our church as she leads this fun make and take stamping event on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Lubich Hall. Participants will make 4 greeting cards. Cost is \$10/person. To register, contact the church office.

### Come As You Are....Annual Women's Retreat

The St. Bridget Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will host a Self-Care Retreat on Monday, November 13, 2017. Wellness Coach Cami Smalley will explore Self-Care as an essential discipline in Christian Living in a workshop entitled, "AS THYSELF". The Retreat will be Monday, November 13, 2017 with a morning session from 9-noon with a soup meal at noon, and an evening session from 6-9 p.m. with a soup meal from 5-6 p.m. Kids care will be provided at the morning session. RSVP by November 3 by signing up at the Information Desk, emailing receipt@stbparish.com or calling the parish office at 715-425-1870. Questions, contact Carolyn Johnson at 715-425-9194.

### Grief Support Group

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services is sponsoring a six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. You are encouraged to wait at least one month, before attending a group. Sessions are free. The next group begins: 6:00-7:00pm, Tuesdays, October 17, 24 (no group October 31) November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017 and will be held at St. Bridget. To register, rsvp by call or text to Julia at 715-781-4003 or email at: julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com.

### Lifesavers for Life

The local Knights of Columbus will be taking donations for their Annual Lifesavers for Life campaign after Masses, October 21/22. Money raised will be donated to organizations that support pro-life activities in our area, such as Options for Women. KC Council 4902 would like to thank you for your past generosity, helping us fund programs that aid pro-life activities in our area.

### 2 p.m. Prayer Partner Needed

We are in need of a "prayer partner" for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Bridget. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Tuesday in the chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The 2 p.m. hour is currently in need of a prayer partner. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, contact the parish office.

### Join the Newman Center in Prayer

All are welcome to come and join the UWRF Newman Center in praying the Rosary on Tuesdays in October: October 17, 24 and 31 at noon in the front yard of the St. Thomas More Chapel.

JOIN US FOR OUR  
Second Annual  
*St. Bridget*  
**BLOCK PARTY**  
OCTOBER 28 SATURDAY

- **10 a.m.** Brat Trot 5K - St. Bridget School  
Cost: \$25/adult, \$15/child (1-18) with a family maximum of \$100 (participants receive a long sleeve t-shirt). Register soon on the parish website in the spotlight section to be guaranteed a t-shirt.
- **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Free family activities; brats, hot dogs, chips, and beverages for sale at school
- **2 p.m.** Booya sales start in the church parking lot. Bring your own container for "to go" orders.
- **6 – 10 p.m.** Brats, hot dogs, nachos, beverages, music and fun in the church parking lot.
- **6:30 – 8 p.m.** Bingo in the Fellowship Hall

#### Office Change

Kristin Miller, office assistant, has accepted a new opportunity within the field of nutrition and will have her last day at St. Bridget on October 20. Kristin stated that she "looks forward to spending more time with her family and being able to work in the field of nutrition again." She shared her thanks for the staff and parishioners of St. Bridget for their amazing kindness, support, and encouragement they have offered during her 3 1/2 years at St. Bridget. Please help me in thanking Kristin for all the joy, kindness, and enthusiasm she has brought to St. Bridget Church. Kristin, your big smile and gentle spirit will be greatly missed by all.

#### Catholic Services Appeal Update

Thank you! The response to this year's CSA has been incredible, and we are on our way to reaching our fair share goal of \$144,368. Please don't let the momentum stop! Every dollar helps. Follow-up emails will start soon for those we haven't yet heard from. If you can't participate this year, please keep us in your prayers but let us know that so we can update our records accordingly.



**DIocese OF SUPERIOR**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 15, 2017

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission, as Pope Francis explains in his message for this year's celebration on October 22.

The collection on the next to last Sunday in October is unique. It is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

I invite all of use in the Diocese of Superior to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment of encounter with the Pope's missions throughout the world. Meeting the priests, religious and lay leaders who, day-in and day-out, witness to the Gospel and serve the poor, will, as Pope Francis says, "*enable the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.*"

You can also obtain continuing information about the Missions through *MISSIO*, online at [mission.org](http://mission.org).

As I remain grateful for your generosity, I ask your full support, through prayer and sacrifice, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, as you are able.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Bishop of Superior



## FAITH FORMATION

### Do you have Leaves? We have Help!

Are you in need of assistance to help rake up all those lovely leaves? Youth from St. Bridget are here to help. We will be holding a "Rake a Difference Day" on Sunday, November 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Small groups of middle and high school teens from our parish will stop by your home to help rake leaves in your yard. If you need help with raking leaves this fall, stop by the Information Desk to sign up.



## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

### Remember in Your Prayers

- If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.
- Let us know if someone would like to be prayed for in church or be listed in the bulletin prayer list.
- To be included in the prayer line, call Virginia Magner at 715-684-2336.

Daniella Carrasco  
Gary Cater  
Gerald Cernohous  
Erica Glover  
Dorian Hintz  
Ann Holland  
Dawn Huberty


Barb Ickler  
Rose Marie Ogden  
Gwen Paulson  
Kelli Schmidt  
Florence Simon  
Izabella Thompson

## ST. BRIDGET PARISH SCHOOL

### Grandparents Day – October 26:

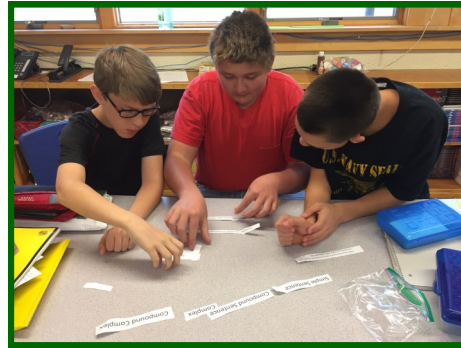
We are looking forward to this celebration with grandparents of our students! The celebration will be held in the church beginning at 1:30 p.m. Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms from 1 – 1:30, then bring their grandchildren over to church by 1:30. Grandparents may also meet their grandchildren at church if that is preferred.

### Wolf Ridge Field Trip – Grades 6 & 7 – October 16-20

 Our sixth and seventh grade students will be taking their field trip to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN next week, October 16-20. In addition to the staff of Wolf Ridge, students will be chaperoned by teachers Mrs. Starla Dixen and Mrs. Barb Kujak, along with parents Nathan Nelson, and Justin Luther. Through this trip, students are given the opportunity to observe nature directly, develop greater awareness, curiosity, and sensitivity to the natural world, learn about behaviors and technologies which lead to a sustainable lifestyle, and grow personally in confidence, respect, and cooperation. Activities and classes at Wolf Ridge are nearly all outdoors, and include subjects such as environmental science, cultural history, environmental issues, team building, and outdoor recreation. Our teachers, Mrs. Dixen and Mrs. Kujak, will incorporate activities/discussions centered on the spiritual dimension of this experience of nature and the wonder of creation, including the gift and importance of relationships with others.

### Fire Safety

The River Falls Fire Department will visit PreK-5 classrooms to talk about Fire Safety on Monday, October 16.



Peer teaching in middle school. Students create and execute review lessons for grammar.

Kindergarten students learn about fire safety.



### Hearing Screening

Students in Grades K-5 will have their hearing tested Tuesday, October 17. If a referral for further screening is recommended, parents will be contacted.

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## AREA EVENTS

### St. Francis School Gala

You are invited to the St. Francis School Gala on Saturday, November 4. The theme for this year's event will be 1920's inspired; All That Jazz! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. at the Ridgeway Pavilion (between Ellsworth and Prescott) for our adult event that includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$40 each and available at the St. Francis School office or online at [www.stfrancisellsworth.org/gala](http://www.stfrancisellsworth.org/gala).

### Victory and Valor for Vets Project Spaghetti Feed

VVVP will be hosting our 1st Annual Spaghetti Feed at the American Legion-River Falls, WI, on October 27 from 4-8 p.m. All proceeds raised will be used to complete our mission to help Veterans, Service Members, and their families. Contact Jessica Schmitt at 715-497-4620 to make a silent auction donation. Thanks for your support.

### Pilgrimage to Detroit for Beatification

St. Patrick Catholic Church - Hudson, WI is organizing a pilgrimage to the Mass of Beatification for Father Solanus Casey on Saturday, November 18 in Detroit, Michigan. The bus will leave on Friday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. and return on Sunday, November 19 by 4:00 p.m. More information and registration forms can be found by clicking [here](#) or by calling St. Pat's at 715-381-5120.

### Food Harvest Distribution

The Third Saturday of each month Food Harvest of the St. Croix Valley has a food distribution. For a cost of \$15, you will receive a full cart of food. Call Tim at 612-708-6799 or [foodharvestscv.org](http://foodharvestscv.org) for more details.

### America Needs Fatima Rosary Crusade

Come to the St. Bridget School Parking Lot on Saturday, October 14 at noon to join with approximately 20,000 rallies occurring across the United States for a time of public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering. The rally will include the song Immaculate Mary, the Angelus the Holy Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prayer of Total Consecration by Maximilian Kolbe, the Divine Praises, and O Sanctissima.

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